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Kensington, Jan. 22.

THis day the Lord Archbishop, the Bishops, and the rest of the Clergy of the Province of *Canterbury*, in Convocation assembled, attended His Majesty, and presented the following Address.

The humble Address of the Archbishop, Bishops, and the rest of the Clergy of the Province of *Canterbury*, in Convocation assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE humbly beg Leave to lay before Your Majesty, now we are Assembled in Convocation, the deep Resentment that every one of us had, at our first Hearing of the great Indignity which the French *King offer'd to Your Majesty and Your People, in Declaring the Pretended Prince of* Wales *to be King of Your Majesties Realms and Dominions.*

And we do hereupon take Occasion to Renew our Sincere Protestations of a Firm and Unshaken Allegiance to Your Majesty; humbly Assuring Your Majesty, That we will do our utmost Endeavours, by God's Assistance, in our respective Places and Stations, to Defend Your Sacred Person, and to Maintain Your Majesties Rightful Title to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, and the Succession thereof in the Protestant Line, as now by Law Establish'd, against the said Pretended Prince, and all other Your Majesties Open and Secret Enemies.

We will always, according to our especial Duty, make it our earnest Prayer to God, That he will long continue Your Majesties happy Reign over us, that You may Perfect all those great Works, in which He hath hitherto Wonderfully Conducted You with so much Glory and Success, for the Peace and Welfare of these Kingdoms, the Support of all Your Allies, the Safety and Tranquillity of Europe, *and the Preserving the Protestant Religion, both here in this Church of* England *by Law Establish'd, and in all other Protestant Churches.*

To which His Majesty was pleased to return the following most Gracious Answer.

My Lords, and the rest of the Clergy,

I Cannot but be very much Pleased with these Expressions of your Affection to Me, and your Concern for the Honour of the Nation; For Maintaining the Succession to the Crown in the Protestant Line; And for the Preservation of the Protestant Churches. And I am glad of this Opportunity to give you fresh Assurances of My firm Resolution, in especial manner, to Protect and Support the Church of England *as by Law Establish'd.*

Rome, Jan. 7. N. S. Orders are sent to Signior *Spada*, who at present resides at *Cologne* as the Pope's Nuncio, to repair to *Vienna* with the Character of Nuncio Extraordinary, and Signior *Fieschi*, and Signior *Zondedary*, who are appointed to go in the same Quality to the Courts of *France* and *Spain*, prepare for their departure. The Pope has published an Order, to forbid the raising of Soldiers within his Territories for any Foreign Prince whatsoever; And has given out Commissions for raising more Forces for his own Service. The Duke of *Parma*'s Envoy had Audience of the Pope this week, to desire he would assist him with some Forces, and 'tis said, the Pope has promised to send 4 Troops of Dragoons to reinforce the Garrison of *Parma*. The *French* and *Spanish* Ministers here have of late used great Endeavours to bring the Differences between the Pope and the Duke of *Savoy*, about the Right of Nomination to the vacant Bishopricks and Abbies in *Piedmont*, to an Accommodation; but have not hitherto made any considerable Progress in that Affair. 'Tis said, Prince *Eugene* is sending a strong Detachment of Horse and Foot to the Kingdom of *Naples*, where the Nobility and People seem generally dissatisfied with the present Administration of the Government.

Milan, January 7. Two *French* Regiments of Foot are marched to *Vigevano*, where they are to quarter, and the Forces of this Dutchy are likewise, in few days to march into Winter Quarters. The *French* Forces in these Parts are very much weakened by the Losses they suffered during the last Campagne, as well in their several Encounters with the *Germans*, as by Sickness and Desertion, and several Officers are sent to *France* out of each Regiment to raise Recruits. Divers Inhabitants of this Dutchy have brought in their Accounts of the Cattle, Corn, and Forage, taken from them, and other Damages they have sustained by the *French* Soldiers; but are not like to obtain any Satisfaction for the same. The Conde *de las Torres*, General of the Horse, and the Conde *d'Aguilar*, are commanded to repair to *Spain*, and 'tis believed, the Chancellor of *Milan*, and several other Persons of Quality, will soon receive the like Orders, to make way for the Absolute Government of the *French* in this Country. We have Advice, that a Ship which lately sailed from *Genoua* with *Spanish* Soldiers on board for *Naples*, is cast away on the Coast of that Kingdom.

Venice, Jan. 13. Several Men of War and Galleys are fitted out here for the Security of the Gulph. The *Venetian* Militia of *Terra-firma*, which were raised last Summer, are sent home, but are to draw together again in the Spring. A considerable Sum of Money was lately sent to *Brescia* to pay the *Venetian* Forces; Money is likewise remitted to *Dalmatia* to pay the Forces in that Country. An Order is published, forbidding all Persons, except the Soldiers who are upon Duty, to carry Pistols, or any other Fire-Arms, about them in this City. The Imperial Ambassador here has received an Express, with the News of the *Germans* having put a Garrison into *Bersello*, a strong and well situated Place in the Dutchy of *Modena*;